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**NUMBER ONE CONCERN:
HOMELESSNESS**

My office has received THOUSANDS of emails and calls from individuals who are concerned about homelessness. I **recently wrote an article about this issue for the May *Inside Arden* edition, and I would like to share it with you in case you didn't see it. The article can also be [found at this link.](#)**

Work In Progress: 3 ways to reduce county's homeless

Many articles in Inside Sacramento have described the failure of local elected officials to address the homelessness crisis. I hear your frustration and take responsibility for the failure. The crisis continues to grow. With it comes more suffering and misery among those living in our open spaces, more hardships for small business owners, more blight and trash in neighborhoods, more aggressive confrontations between campers and residents, and more crime.

Three efforts are underway in the city of Sacramento and Sacramento County that could significantly reduce the number of people living unsheltered while eliminating the worst impacts of encampments. I am working on these efforts and want your feedback.

Sheltering Ordinance

In response to challenges caused by encampments, the City Council has placed a proposed ordinance on the November ballot that would generally require the city to provide enough shelters and safe sleeping spaces for those who need them. In return, camping in public places would not be allowed under most circumstances.

The ordinance would allow people to bring legal action against the city if it does not remove encampments. I am having discussions with one of my colleagues at the Board of Supervisors, our county executive, and others about the proposal and the importance of passing a county ordinance that largely mirrors it.

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These conversations obviously include a discussion about what social services the county will provide and how many shelter and housing alternatives the county would need. My hope is that we enact a county ordinance that compels us to create more shelters, supportive housing and behavioral health beds.

As a companion piece, I plan to introduce an ordinance that would prohibit camping near sensitive infrastructure, such as schools, flood-control facilities and transportation structures.

Coordinated Entry

A big challenge is that many local governments and nonprofit service providers work in silos. They control their own housing and shelter capacity. Sometimes they guard against making it available to outsiders. Unfortunately, this crisis is regional, not isolated. Any effort in one part of the county has a ripple effect. We have to do a better job combining resources and centralizing our referral and placement efforts. Sacramento Self Help Housing is the organization the county and city use to coordinate access to shelter and supportive housing, but it needs help to be successful. The city has made an investment to give Self Help the tools it needs. I am hopeful the county will follow and coordinate these efforts.

County Sites

The ordinance and coordination discussed above will be meaningless unless we develop more capacity. We must dedicate more locations for safe camping, car camping, sleeping in individual cabins, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. Each of these must come with security, restrooms, showers and social services to guide people to long-term treatment and housing.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public workshop in the next couple months to present county-owned locations and other spaces to provide capacity.

None of the sites presented at the upcoming board meeting will be selected until there is public input and discussion. I will work to make sure any sites we use to shelter or house the homeless are not overly concentrated in certain communities. I also plan to introduce an ordinance that will prohibit camping near any sites that house the homeless. This will be a crucial tool to make sites safe for surrounding neighborhoods and the homeless who are placed there.

I am confident our efforts to create better coordination, capacity and consequences will make a difference. They will give us the authority to stop enabling destructive behavior

while recognizing our obligation to help those in need with compassion and understanding.



SHERIFF COMMUNITY MEETINGS – NORTH DIVISION

I am pleased to announce that the Sheriff Community Meetings will be returning to in-person this month. This is an excellent opportunity to hear an update from the Sheriff's Office regarding your neighborhood and a place for you to ask any questions you may have. My Office also participates in these meetings to stay up to date on the concerns of residents within my District. The Sheriff's Office will host four meetings in the North Division, which correspond to their service areas. Please see the list below for the date and time of the meeting within your area of service.

Sheriff's District 4 Arden-Arcade

Monday, May 16, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

2600 Watt Ave-Country Club Lanes

Sheriff's District 3 Orangevale and Fair Oaks

Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

6826 Hazel Ave-Orangevale Community Center

Sheriff's District 1 North Highlands, Antelope, Foothill Farms, Rio Linda, Elverta

Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

6331 Watt Ave-Family Community Church

Sheriff's District 2 Carmichael

Thursday, May 19, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

4510 Orange Grove-Sheriff's Office Community Room

All are welcome to attend any community meeting regardless of where they live or work. If you have any questions or issues you would like addressed please email northpop@sacsheriff.com.



ATTEND THE UPCOMING SAC COUNTY VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

On May 17, all job seekers are invited to the 2022 Sacramento County Virtual Career Fair to meet County department representatives and get details on available jobs, day-to-day work activities, and what it is like to grow your career at the County.

As the **region's third-largest employer**, Sacramento County has more than 12,700 employees working across 30 departments and offices in fields such as voter registration, parks, technology, finance, health care, waste management, social services and law enforcement. The jobs County employees do, and the services they provide, improve the lives of our residents and our community.

At this Virtual Career Fair, job seekers will be able to virtually "visit" various departments' booths. They will have the opportunity to speak to representatives from 24 different

departments and offices to learn about a wide range of careers. Job seekers can also request one-on-one conversations with representatives from departments they are particularly interested in. There will be two application and exam process presentations, one at 10 am and another at 12 pm, where Department of Personnel staff will share helpful tips when applying for County positions.

[The Sacramento County Department of Personnel Services provides job and employment information and is hosting the 2022 Sacramento County Career Fair.](#)

DATE: May 17, 2022

TIME: Attend any time between 10 AM and 2 PM.

LOCATION: Wherever you happen to be! This career fair is online.

REGISTRATION: [Register online by May 16](#)

Can't Attend the 2022 Career Fair?

Keep connected with Sacramento County employment opportunities:

- [Visit the Sacramento County online job opportunities page.](#) There, you will find all positions currently accepting applications and subscribe to the Job Interest Card feature to get an email when a specific job is available. The website also has an informative employment application guide, FAQs, and Helpful Hints.
- Social Media: Be sure to like/follow the County's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to see regular postings of available employment exams.

Sacramento County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



UPCOMING AEROSPACE MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA EVENTS

Come explore, discover, and be inspired by the incredible displays and interactive experiences at the Aerospace Museum of California! This May, there will be a wide variety of events for the whole family. The Aerospace Museum is looking to inspire future explorers and help students find their passion in the world of STEM education and aviation. All of the wonderful events can be found on the [Aerospace Museum of California's Website](#). All of these event will be held at the **Museum at 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan**. Here is a snapshot:

May 7 – Star Wars Open Cockpit Day, from 10 AM to 2 PM. the Aerospace Museum will have many of its 35 historic aircraft open for viewing with an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Star Wars cosplayers from the 501st Legion. The Museum will also have music, galactic themed crafts, and activities for the whole family (\$15 ages 4+, Children 3 and under free).

May 21 – Storytime and Crafts, from 10 AM to 2 PM. the Aerospace Museum will host storytime and crafts for families. Listen to an awesome story about the world's first hot air balloon, and then make and take home a hot air balloon-themed craft. (Tickets range \$10 - \$15, Children 3 and under are free).

May 28 – Bubble Bonanza, from 10 AM to 2 PM. the Aerospace Museum will host Bubble Bonanza, a fun-filled day of bubble science, activities, and crafts. (Tickets range \$10 - \$15, Children 3 and under are free).

For more information about the Museum and these events, visit the [Aerospace Museum of California's website](#).



Upcoming Events in May



Star Wars Open Cockpit Day May 7th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Calling all Star Wars fans! Get your light sabers ready because you are invited to Star Wars Open Cockpit Day on Saturday, May 7th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. View our fleet of open cockpits, hang out with cosplayers from the 501st Legion and have fun with our galactic-themed crafts, music, and activities.



Amelia Bearhart's Storytime and Crafts May 21st | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join Amelia Bearhart and friends for Storytime and Crafts Saturday, May 21st from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Let your imagination take flight! Listen to an awesome story about the world's first hot air balloon, and then make and take home a hot air balloon-themed craft.



Bubble Bonanza May 28th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bubble Bonanza is back! Join Amelia Bearhart and friends on May 28th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a fun-filled day of bubble science, activities, and crafts. We hope that you will "pop" on by the Air Park.

Aerospace Museum of California
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EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center are dedicated to providing educational and interpretive programs and information about the natural environment, principally in the American River Parkway. As the weather starts heating up, join Effie Yeaw at one of their upcoming activities and get out in nature.

Spring Nature and Forest Therapy Walks on May 28, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Enjoy a guided tour of one of Effie Yeaw's Nature Study Area trails with Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide, Jane

McCluskey, to forge a deeper connection between yourself and nature!

[Register for the Therapy Walk!](#)

Breeding Birds of Sacramento: A Tale of Two Atlases and Three Decades of Change, on May 24, 2022.

We all know how much the Central Valley has changed in the past few decades – increased development, changes in agriculture, changing climate. But how has all that affected our breeding birds? Ed Pandolfino will take us through the results of the recently completed Second Sacramento County Breeding Bird Atlas to answer that question. This new Atlas is a follow up to an earlier Atlas effort led by Tim Manolis, completed in the early 1990s, but not published until now.

[Register for the Bird Study!](#)

For questions contact the Nature Center at 916-489-4918.



FAMILY FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The 2022 Sacramento County Fair will be held May 26-30 (Memorial Weekend) at Cal Expo, located at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815. Activities include a carnival, food, barn animals, music, and shopping.

General Admission is only \$12, and **Children age 12 and under are admitted free.** What a great value for the whole family!

For more information about hours, general admission, and entertainment tickets, please visit the [Sacramento County Fair website](#).



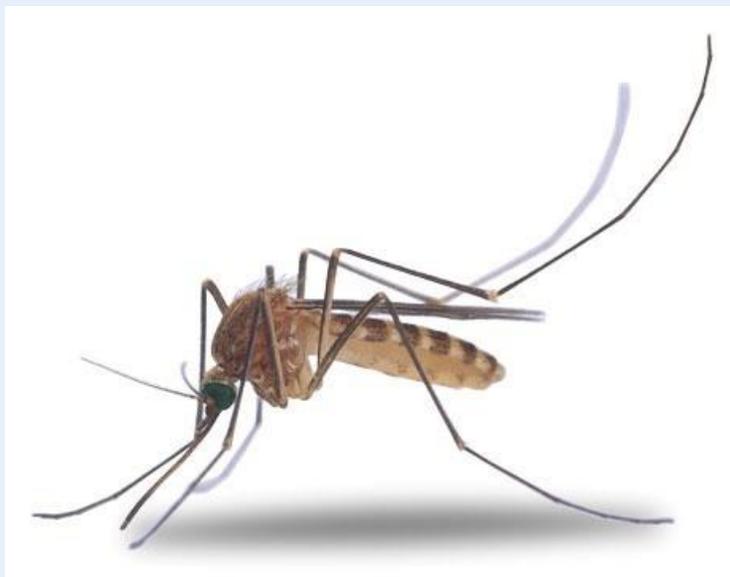
SUMMER MOSQUITO SPRAYING UPDATES

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District is gearing up for the mosquito season by preparing to remove any invasive mosquitoes in our area.

As part of Mosquito & Vector Control District's control strategies, they will be doing ground treatment targeting immature mosquitoes developing in common backyard sources. All this means is that a truck will go up and down the designated route spraying into the air - the material is meant to go into small backyard sources and target immature mosquitoes that may be developing in the area to prevent them from hatching into adults that can bite people and pose a health threat.

If you would like to sign up for notifications in your area, you can do so on the [Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District website](#).

You can also request service in your area if you are having a mosquito problem. Request service through the [Vector Control District website](#) by emailing at info@fightthebite.net, or calling 800-429-1022.



ALCOHOL BAN KEEPS PARKWAY FAMILY FRIENDLY

If you are planning to enjoy the American River Parkway over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water between Hazel and Watt avenues (an exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course).

A number of years ago, there were major problems along the American River due to excessive alcohol consumption. This resulted in fights, public nudity, profanity and littering, and drove some families away.

Besides Memorial Day weekend, the alcohol restriction is also applicable on the weekends of Independence Day and Labor Day. In addition, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Regional Parks, in consultation with the County Executive, to prohibit alcohol in the Parkway on any additional days between Memorial Day and Labor Day when such a ban is needed

to maintain order when excessive alcohol consumption is encouraged by social media.



FAIR OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) is hard at work adding programs to benefit you and your family. The **FORPD has released its new Digital Activity Guide for May – August 2022.** The Guide is a terrific resource for Fair Oaks and surrounding communities for upcoming events, classes, and programs like preschool, sports, dance, childcare and more. **The Digital Activity Guide can be found at this link.** For more information about the Park District or available activities, please visit the [FORPD website](#).

